



# JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Councilmember Andreas Borgeas  
City Hall  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721-3600

Re: United States Delegation to Japan

Dear Councilmember Borgeas:

Congratulations on your selection to join a delegation from the United States to meet with Japanese leaders. On behalf of the Central California District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League and a member of the Kochi Sister Cities Committee, we wish you much success in furthering positive relations between our two countries. The relationship between the United States and Japan after World War II has been mutually beneficial economically. Also, America has no stronger ally in the Pacific region. It is important that the U. S.- Japan relationship remain one of friendship, mutual respect and benefit to both countries.

Thank you for your support of the Sister Cities Program promoting a positive relationship between Kochi, Japan, and the City of Fresno, and the Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial and the Fresno Assembly Center Memorial remembering the Japanese Americans interned by the U. S. government during World War II and their struggle for justice and equality. I was pleased that you came to the dedication ceremony for Remembrance Plaza in Pinedale with Japanese Consul General Yasumasa Nagamine from the San Francisco Japanese Consulate General's Office.

We look forward to your joining Consul General Nagamine and the Kochi delegation on October 30, 2009, as we celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister Cities Program between Kochi, Japan, and the City of Fresno.

I wish you much success for your trip to Japan in November.

Best regards,

Dale Ikeda, Chair, Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial Project Committee, Chair, Fresno Assembly Center Memorial Upgrade Committee, and member of the Kochi Sister Cities Program

c.c. Consul General Yasumasa Nagamine and Judie Brown, Chair, Kochi Sister Cities Program